

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15-22 and 31-35 are active. The claims have been revised to adopt the Examiner's suggested wording on page 4 of the Official Action and edits to more clearly indicate that the same individual molecule A is not bound to different solid phase supports. Other editorial revisions have been made, e.g., uniform use of the term "molecule A" without capitalization. The Applicants respectfully request that this after-final Amendment be entered by the Examiner to place this application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. The proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate a new search by the Examiner, since the amendment is based on subject matter earlier claimed or inherent in the previously examined claims.

Restriction/Election

The Applicants previously elected with traverse **Group III**, claims 15-22, directed to a molecule designated "A". The requirement has been made FINAL.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 15-22 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate written description of (first solid phase support)-molecule A-(second solid phase support). This rejection is moot since the claims specify that an individual molecule A is not bound to both (or for claim 35 all three) solid phase supports.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 15-22 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot in view of the amendments above.

Prior Art


The Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating that the claims are free of the prior art.

Conclusion

This application presents allowable subject matter and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass it to issue. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned should a further discussion of the issues or claims be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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